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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on July 12, 2002 and August 22, 2003, Applicant submits a copy of a Notice of Reasons for Rejection (together with its English language translation) that was mailed on May 18, 2004, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-351912, in which the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-135530, which was published on May 23, 1995, together with a partial English language translation of the same;

"Easy Communication is All the Rage. Go with Instant Message!," Internet Magazine, IMPRESS CORP., No. 58, pp. 206-221 November 1, 1999, together with a partial English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-256145, which was published on October 1, 1996, together with a partial English language translation of the same;

MAKINO et al., "Up-to-date Situation: Cool Internet Life," Mac Fan Internet, Mainichi Communications Inc., Vol. 3, No. 12, pp. 22-31, December 1, 1998, together with a partial English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-81489, which was published on March 28, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-157206, which was published on May 31, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the Japanese claims are set forth in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	3	English Language Abstract of JP 9-81489, Published 03/28/97.
	4	English Language Abstract of JP 2002-157206, Published 05/31/02.

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